WORLD

6 IRAQI SECURITY FORCES KILLED AS GUNMEN ATTACK CHECKPOINTS

2 sleeping policemen were shot, set on fire

The Associated Press

BAGHDAD • Gunmen killed six Iraqi security personnel Saturday, including a pair of sleeping policemen who were shot and set on fire.

The early-morning shootings at Baghdad checkpoints demonstrated the insurgents' aim to weaken confidence in the government and aggravate sectarian tension as all but 50,000 U.S. troops head home by the end of August.

In the first attack, gunmen armed with silenced pistols killed two policemen asleep in their patrol car at a security checkpoint in the Shiite-dominated New Baghdad neighborhood, said an officer with the federal police in Baghdad. The assailants then set the car on fire and fled, he said.

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

An Iraqi army soldier stood guard in central Baghdad on Saturday.

A half-hour later, a drive-by shooting on a checkpoint killed two more policemen in the Amil area, another Shiite neighborhood, in southwest Baghdad, two other police officials said. Two passers-by were injured, they said.

Around the same time, gunmen attacked a checkpoint manned by government-backed Sunni fighters from groups known as Awakening Councils in the mostly Shiite Shaab district in the capital's northeast. One of the fighters was killed and two were injured, the police officials said.

It was not clear if the shootings were coordinated or carried out by the same attackers. Health workers at the Baghdad city morgue and two hospitals confirmed the casualties.

Hours later, a bomb attached to a policeman's personal car killed the driver and wounded two passengers, who were also policemen, officials said. The blast occurred outside Tikrit, 80 miles north of Baghdad.

All authorities spoke on condition of anonymity because they were not authorized to talk to the media.

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OPINION

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OUR VIEW

MAYOR RIVERA HITS A HOME RUN ON TV

He explains merits of starving the beast

After a year that could go down as a case study in bad municipal public relations, Colorado Springs finally received a fair shake in the national press. For this, we can thank Mayor Lionel Rivera.

Five days after another anti-Springs, tourist-scaring propaganda hit piece in the New York Times, Rivera appeared on the nationally televised Bloomberg news on Thursday.

The show began with a co-anchor explaining that Colorado Springs has cut bus service and turned off one-third of its streetlights in response to economic recession. Co-host Matt Miller described the Springs as "super progressive, as far as cutting down the size of government."

"You hear stories all the time about Colorado Springs citizens sort of staving the beast, so to speak," Miller said. Later Miller explained, in commentary disguised as a question, that the real story of Colorado Springs may be one of economic success. The facts say he's correct.

Rivera detailed brilliantly how the city's conservative policies have paid off. He explained that sales tax revenues are significantly better than city officials projected for 2010. That's due, in part, to the fact city officials reduced spending and voters held the line on taxes. Those decisions enabled the public to keep money and buy goods and services.

Rivera explained that city employees were reduced by 300 during the past two years. The result?

"We've become much more productive and efficient in all of our departments and that's going to allow us to start returning services with a lot less overhead, so we're not going to need as big a recovery in sales tax revenue to keep the services or restore some that we had cut back on," Rivera said.

The mayor explained that some services have been turned over to the private sector with great success. He told of a community center, due to close because of budget cuts, that was taken over by a faith-based organization. The center is run under contract at no cost to the city, freeing up tax money to keep three other centers open. At those centers, the city has privatized personnel and taken other measures to cut overhead by 42 percent.

"A lot of the operations we had in our parks and recreation department that needed a city subsidy, now run at a surplus and put money back into the general fund," Rivera said. "Three of our pools have been turned over to the private sector and they are doing just great; they will return some money to the general fund. So we've changed the way we do local city government and it's a change for the better."

Despite a barrage of negative international anti-Springs, anti-conservative press, Rivera said the real story is one of a community that has worked through recession in a creative and innovative manner to avoid economic crisis.

Co-host Carol Massar asked Rivera about $26 billion in new congressional debt spending, signed into law Tuesday, to help states. She asked if it was necessary, from the perspective of a mayor whose city has lived within its means.

"Cities across the country should try to be a lot more efficient in their operations so they don't need help from the federal government," Rivera said. "I don't think continuing to pile on debt on top of debt is good for our country in the long run, and I think we just have to live within our means."

As other big cities wallow in economic despair (we won't be so rude as to mention Denver's $100 million deficit), Mayor Rivera may emerge as the symbol of a smart city that showed how to do things right. He was a natural at projecting that image to the nation on Thursday. — **By Wayne Laugesen, editorial page editor, for the editorial board**

CHRISTIAN FOOTBALL ADS

Focus on the Family plans to buy significant advertising time during Denver Broncos games this season. They will advocate adoption, prenatal care and address issues affecting families.

The ads will be funded with donations earmarked for advertising positive Christian messages. If the ads are as tasteful and constructive as the organization's Super Bowl ad in February, they will be a huge success.

Recent layoffs at Focus are tragic. But it is not the organization's primary function to create jobs. The mission is to promote a Christian message. Respectful, engaging ad campaigns are a great strategy for this important work. — **By Wayne Laugesen, editorial page editor, for the editorial board**

LETTERS

Nothing is right or wrong

I disagree, in the strongest possible terms, with the editorial by Wayne Laugesen, Aug. 10, the second editorial on this subject by him recently. Simply stated, Laugesen says that the government should not be concerned with the issue of homosexual "marriage." I presume he refers to federal, state and local governments. However, on the contrary, I feel that this issue is one of primary importance to the government in that the family is the basic unit of society.

Therefore, anything the government does to strengthen the family is good for society as a whole; and anything the government does to weaken or degrade the family, is highly detrimental to society. Homosexual couples are physically incapable of procreating children, one of the natural aims and blessings of heterosexual marriage.

I think it is quite appropriate for the government to take a legitimate interest in anything that affects the moral fiber of the entire nation, and marriage between one man and one woman is certainly such an issue.

Laugesen, and apparently The Gazette itself, has chosen to become yet another champion of moral relativity, the philosophy which teaches that nothing is wrong or right. It's all about how you personally "feel" about it. Such things as the Ten Commandments are irrelevant in today's society, this philosophy preaches, so just relax and enjoy yourself. "If it feels good, do it." It is this philosophy which is slowly destroying the very moral and ethical fabric of this once great nation.

Let me make myself clear: I do not hate homosexuals. On the contrary, I believe that God loves all people. Period. That, however, does not mean that he approves of all human activities or "lifestyles."

Bill Sullivan
Colorado Springs

Things change, folks

Re: Whitney Galbraith's letter of Aug. 12: Regardless of decisions made by "their homosexual judge", etc., why do you, and others, seem to feel that things must stay the same, without any regard to the desires and needs of those human beings whose sexual preferences differ from yours? So what if traditional marriage has always been the way? At least half of these traditional marriages end in divorce.

Things change, folks, and there is nothing to say that the way things have always been is the best way. To jump to the conclusion that now we will have three, four, five people wanting to marry, that there will be no boundaries when it comes to age, or that, as some say, people will now want to marry their pets, is just pure ridiculous nonsense. We are civilized human beings, for crying out loud, and will not suddenly go crazy and do all sorts of idiotic things if we allow gays to marry. My husband and I have been married for 51 years, and if every other couple we know were gay and were allowed to marry, it would not affect us in any way. Those who say homosexual marriage would harm "traditional marriage" never seem to manage to come up with the answer to "how?" when asked. There is no answer.

If gay human beings want to marry, it's no one's business but theirs, and all people should have the right to live their lives in a manner equal to others. Period.

Sally Alberts
Monument

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An essential institution

I was shocked by The Gazette's August 10 editorial that claimed, "Gay marriage is a fundamental right." First of all, it states "neither state nor federal law should define marriage." But if they do not, who will?

If we extend marriage to homosexuals, we will weaken the foundation of the social order.

Marriage is more than a whimsical declaration of attraction. The editorial says, "The right of adults to freely associate is also fundamental, and it includes the right to make agreements with one another that don't infringe upon the rights of others." The Constitution is grounded on the concept of "natural laws": we are endowed by our creator with certain unalienable rights and responsibilities.

We must keep in mind that marriage is the basic building block of all society; it is grounded in the exclusive mutual nurture of the parties and the ability to produce and raise children in the best possible environment.

Study after study has demonstrated that children brought up by both father and mother are much more likely to be responsible citizens.

Since homosexual relationships neither produce children nor foster optimal development of children, they should not be eligible for marriage.

The Gazette then argues that "A same-sex marriage does not threaten a heterosexual marriage." However, Stanely Kurtz's article "The end of marriage in Scandinavia" reveals a stark truth. Scandinavia's legalization of gay marriage is directly related to an overall decrease in birthrate, an increase in its out-of-wedlock birthrates and an increase in cohabitation.

This demonstrates how reducing the term "marriage" to a common contract between any two people eliminates marriage's innate connection with parenthood.

These people no longer see marriage as a structural necessity of civilization, but only as a declaration of attraction.

Clearly, marriage is indispensable to a healthy culture. In its natural form, it provides mutual love and the best environment for children.

We must preserve this essential institution for the sake of our future generations.

Philip Meyer
Colorado Springs

Can someone explain?

I read with interest Wayne Laugesen's editorial about gay marriage being a fundamental right and stumbled over the statement "Neither state nor federal law should define marriage, . . ."

I acknowledge limited expertise in political philosophy and so do not understand this claim. Since the marital status of citizens in this country determine many rights and responsibilities (income taxes, property ownership, parental responsibilities, health care decisions, etc.) how can the state or federal government avoid defining marriage? States also determine how to dissolve marriages.

Can any two people claim their right to be married and expect the government to accept that status as it affects governmental functions? How would that situation affect other citizens?

I am not quarreling with the editorial opinion but simply do not understand the basis for it. Can someone explain?

Hank Scarangella
Colorado Springs

Marriage is as much a responsibility as a fundamental right

OPINION

JIM DALY

GUEST COLUMNIST

The Gazette's recent endorsement of gay marriage makes the same mistakes on a number of issues that we're accustomed to seeing from active proponents for the issue.

An Aug. 10 editorial noted the paper keeps "explaining repeatedly" to readers that "fundamental rights may not be submitted to a vote; they depend on the outcome of no election." That's generally true — to a point. Curiously, both The Gazette and the Proposition 8 judge, Vaughn Walker, imply that there are no (and can never be) democratically enacted restrictions on rights, but that's just not so. The state puts restrictions on "rights" all the time — often with the blessing of the U.S. Supreme Court — that we might harmoniously live together as a society.

For example, the editorial ensnares itself when in saying that "marriage is a promise between two adults." That's two legal restrictions on the supposedly restriction-free right of marriage right there — an age minimum and a two-persons-only requirement. Ironically, those narrow (and wise) parameters came from lawmakers elected by the people.

Colorado and other states also prohibit marriages to a close relative and, yes, restrict marriage to one man and one woman.

All of those standards have been voted on by the people or their elected representatives.

When it comes to the value of marriage, we believe there's a legitimate role for government and religion.

Religion recognizes marriage's whether they begin in a church or at the courthouse. The state recognizes marriages, too — religious or otherwise. The critical debate here isn't between government or religion, as the Gazette posits; it's about how we define marriage.

To be clear, government didn't create marriage, but it does recognize and protect it. Why? Marriage offers a valuable resource to the state: stable homes for nurturing the next generation. Either there is value in children having a mother and a father or there is none, as Judge Walker's ruling attempts to claim.

The government will either defend the right of children to have the best chance for a mom and a dad, or it won't. Judge Walker's decision ignores the critical matter of a child's health and well-being and isolates the matter to an individual right. That intentional apathy toward children is not only short-sighted, but it also doesn't stand up against mountains of evidence that finds children do best with both a mom and a dad in the home.

The Gazette's view of the Walker ruling is also shortsighted in where it takes us, or perhaps, where is does not.

Wisdom dictates that we look beyond present-day circumstances and emotion. The stakes are too high; real-world issues including what our children learn in school and a parent's choice to direct what his or her child is taught now hang in the balance.

Discussions of same-sex marriage are not limited to what two adults may desire to do, or even to adult conversations; the topic is slipping into public school curricula.

Do we really need to teach elementary schoolchildren the sexual orientation of historical figures when it has no bearing on their professional accomplishments?

Particularly when the view of a child's parent is not taken into consideration, as was the case with the Wirthlin family in Massachusetts. They lost their court case to opt their elementary-age child out of a class teaching that same-sex relationships are the same as one-man and one-woman marriage. Their parental rights were lost in the process. The Wirthlin story was an influencing factor among California voters who supported Proposition 8 in 2008.

At the heart of the matter lies a fundamental, singular position: We believe that marriage should remain child-focused, rather than adult-centered. No other social institution offers a child one of the only claims he or she has at birth — the right to both the mother and father who made him or her. This perspective is a belief rooted in our faith and informed by an avalanche of social science.

A compassionate society comes to the aid of broken families. Legalizing same-sex marriage will not liberate children by preventing them from the possibility of ever having both a mother and a father.

But maintaining social policy that preserves that possibility can prevent a lot of future heartache.

Jim Daly is president of Focus on the Family and author of the forthcoming book "Stronger: Trading Brokenness for Unbreakable Strength." Focus on the Family provides Christian advice on marriage, parenting and other topics. Find out more at FocusOnTheFamily.Com.

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WHAT YOU SAID

THE ISSUE

U.S. District Judge Vaughn Walker ruled recently that California's Proposition 8 ballot initiative denying marriage rights to same-sex couples was unconstitutional. A Gazette editorial on the judge's ruling sparked a large number of letters to the editor this week. Also see Page A14 for additional letters and an op-ed piece from Focus on the Family's Jim Daly on this issue.

The meaning of freedom

"But do not do what they do, for they do not practice what they preach." Matthew 23:3

I applaud Wayne Laugesen for illustrating the meaning of freedom in the editorials "Gay marriage is a fundamental right" and "Welcome Muslims in our great city."

I am almost daily discouraged by the people who espouse "liberty" and "freedom" for themselves and others like them, but happily work to restrict the freedoms of people they dislike — homosexuals and Muslims, for example.

In contrast, if I take his meaning correctly, Laugesen illustrates elegantly what freedom means: That you have the right to behave how you wish as long as your behavior does not "infringe on the rights of others." Such behaviors include same-sex marriage and the right to practice Islam, but exclude, among others, rape and murder.

Freedom is a two-way street. If you have a bumper sticker on your car that has an American flag with the unqualified word "freedom," please ask yourself: "Do I believe that this concept applies equally to everyone living in America?" Consistency demands the answer be yes. If the answer is no, please stop and ponder how your definition is different from Laugesen's.

Lance Kildare Waltner
Colorado Springs

Defining 'marriage'

Wayne Laugesen's article on gay marriage rights is misdirected as he misunderstands what Proposition 8 says. He states that Proposition 8 denied same-sex couples the rights of marriage. However Proposition 8 did not do any such thing.

Same-sex couples could still have "domestic partnerships" under Proposition 8, they just could not be defined as a "marriage." Laugesen and Judge Walker both viewed Proposition 8 as a civil liberties violation, but in reality Proposition 8 is simply defining a word.

Same-sex couples still had the same rights under Proposition 8 except for the fact that their "domestic partnerships" could not be called a "marriage."

That is it.

Laugesen states that Proposition 8 could be likened to voters "(depriving) an adult the right to own a gun." However, Proposition 8 should be compared to defining the difference between a slingshot and a rifle. Both can fire projectiles, but how do you define a gun? This is exactly what Proposition 8 tries to do. It defines the term "marriage" and does not limit same-sex couples' "domestic partnership" rights.

I encourage more people to read controversial bills themselves and understand what the bill states, before listening to a columnist.

Tim Smith
Colorado Springs

Parameters for marriage

On the Aug. 10 opinion page your headline was: "Gay marriage is a fundamental right." I beg to differ.

My sources are the Bible, and the Declaration of Independence. They spell out that God alone gives the parameters for fundamental rights, not the king, not the state, nor the federal government.

Both the Old and the New Testaments of the Bible state rather clearly that practicing homosexuals are outside of God's will, and an abomination to him.

And when it comes to marriage, God made the first two humans male and female, and brought them together, saying, "Be fruitful and multiply." Obviously, this is not possible with practicing homosexuals.

So God again sets the parameters for marriage, not the king, not the state, nor the federal government.

Rev. Peter Caruana
Colorado Springs

Think about consequences

How come, folks, it is that:

- No one ever heard of gay marriage before the last few decades of the 20th century?
- None of the great advocates of liberty ever before asserted it was a fundamental right?
- Every other fundamental civil right needs no one else to agree to it?
- Gays suddenly need a license to make a commitment?
- An institution that required promises to society, government, parents, offspring, church and to God now is just a promise between two people?
- Family and marriage, the basic social and economic unit that guarantees the existence, welfare, education, protection, and socialization of every new generation, indeed, every new individual, can now be defined by judges, newspaper editors, and indeed anybody who wants to define it for himself or herself?
- Gays who once wanted government out of their bedrooms now suddenly want the government back in?
- No one points out that applying current law to gays will mean gay alimony, gay divorce, gay child support, gay palimony, gay common law marriage, gay divorce trials, gay bigamy charges, etc., and so on?

Judges cannot deal with gay marriage the same way they do traditional marriage, making discrimination against traditional marriage inevitable.

No one mentions a child's right to have two parents and role models of both sexes.

How come? Because nobody is thinking about the consequences, that's why.

"The worst form of inequality is to try to make unequal things equal." — Aristotle

Eldon W. Dickens Jr.
Colorado Springs

Self-serving judicial action

I'm neither for nor against Proposition 8. I believe a person's choices are shaped by their morals, and government can play only a limited role in restricting or promoting personal decisions.

When Judge Vaughn Walker decided this case, he could have exercised personal discipline and chosen to put his own ideas on hold. However, it is clear from his ruling that he did not. His decision highlighted that one individual's moral ideas can override the thoroughly reasoned votes of hundreds of others.

Personal decisions are and should remain the sole property of the individual, and Judge Walker, especially in his position of influence, should be distinctly aware of this. Self-serving judicial action like he has demonstrated puts one person's views on a pedestal and crosses the line between serving the people and ruling them.

Lydia Tschappler
Colorado Springs

Don't redefine 'marriage'

Re: Wayne Laugesen's editorial Aug. 10. I can understand and agree with equal rights for same-sex unions, but why do you insist on changing the definition and meaning of "marriage"? "Marriage" has always been defined and understood to be a union between a man and a woman. Why change that?

You change the meaning of one term and you'll just need to change the meaning of another. The whole thing becomes a mess. Who is "daddy" and who is "mommy." Who is "Mr. Smith" and who is "Mrs. Smith." I don't want to be asked if I'm married, and then be asked if I'm married to a man or a woman. If I'm married, that should be understood.

What if we had our own definition of what is "left" and what is "right?" We would wind up driving on the same side of the road going in opposite directions.

Same-sex partners in a union can have equal rights without calling it a marriage. Change the laws and establish a new term for same-sex unions.

Leave the definition of "marriage" alone. We have enough confusing concepts already.

Walter Marr
Colorado Springs

Marriage is a civil right

The letters by both Charles Graham and Whitney Galbraith in the Aug. 12 Gazette were studies in fear-mongering.

If one substitutes "interracial" in Graham's letter for "same-sex" one can see which time in history he wants Americans to return to, a time of less than 50 years ago. Had he done even a little research on the topic of marriage in the U.S., he would have found that marriage discrimination has a long history.

Today, one in every fifteen American marriages are interracial; however, state laws prohibiting that practice were in place from 1664 until 1967, when the U.S. Supreme Court finally declared them unconstitutional in the "Loving" decision.

Indeed, the first law against interracial marriage (Anglos with persons of color ... African-Americans, Hispanics, Asian, as well as Native Americans) was passed in the colony of Maryland in 1664. It spread to all states, North, South and West, by the time of the Civil War.

In 1948, the California Supreme Court declared its law forbidding the marriage between Hispanics and Anglos unconstitutional with the statement: "The right to marry is the right of individuals, not of racial groups."

The U.S. Supreme Court reaffirmed that finding in 1967 when Chief Justice Earl Warren declared in the Loving case that "marriage itself is a basic civil right." The recent case in California reaffirmed that finding, and some states have also now recognized that fact too with regard to same-gender marriages.

Marriage is a civil right. Religious bodies are free to withhold their recognition of certain unions based on their own religious beliefs. However, the United States is governed by a civil constitution, as it should be, not a theological creed.

Treat everyone equally under the Constitution, not just the people you like or approve of, otherwise we really aren't "the United States of America."

If you demand or expect a civil right for yourself, you must also support that same right for everyone else.

By the way, Galbraith, you state that "the Constitution of the United States has been rendered irrelevant." Although you should be familiar with the Constitution, given your military background, you'll have to point me to the language in that document that addresses marriage at all. The Constitution does, however, address slavery.

Bob Armintor
Colorado Springs

Guest painting: 'Oil's Greed'

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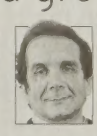
"This painting depicts the horrific tragedy of the Gulf oil spill ... one that could have been prevented. Alternatives are available, and hopefully it won't be too late when we switch." — C.H. Rockey, Manitou Springs. EDITOR'S NOTE: See the painting in color at gazette.com/opinion.

Preserve the dignity, memory of this hallowed ground



OPINION

CHARLES KRAUTHAMMER

COLUMNIST

A place is made sacred by a widespread belief that it was visited by the miraculous or the transcendent (Lourdes, the Temple Mount), by the presence there once of great nobility and sacrifice (Gettysburg), or by the blood of martyrs and the indescribable suffering of the innocent (Auschwitz).

When we speak of ground zero as hallowed ground, what we mean is that it belongs to those who suffered and died there — and that such ownership obliges us, the living, to preserve the dignity and memory of the place, never allowing it to be forgotten, trivialized or misappropriated.

That's why Disney's 1993 proposal to build an American history theme park near Manassas Battlefield was defeated by a broad coalition that feared vulgarization of the Civil War. It's why the commercial viewing tower built right on the border of Gettysburg was taken down by the Park Service. It's why, while no one objects to Japanese cultural centers, the idea of putting one up at Pearl Harbor would be offensive.

And why Pope John Paul II ordered the Carmelite nuns to leave the convent they had established at Auschwitz. He was in no way devaluing their heartfelt mission to pray for the souls of the dead. He was teaching them a lesson in respect: This is not your place; it belongs to others. However pure your voice, better to let silence reign.

Even New York Mayor Michael Bloomberg, who denounced opponents of the proposed 15-story mosque and Islamic center near ground zero as tramplers on religious freedom, asked the mosque organizers "to show some special sensitivity to the situation." Yet, as columnist Rich Lowry pointedly noted, the government has no business telling churches how to conduct their business, shape their message or show "special sensitivity" to anyone about anything. Bloomberg was thereby inadvertently conceding the claim of those he excoriates for opposing the mosque, namely that ground zero is indeed unlike any other place and, therefore, unique criteria govern what can be done there.

Bloomberg's implication is clear: If the proposed mosque were controlled by "insensitive" Islamist radicals either excusing or celebrating 9/11, he would not support its construction.

But then, why not? By the mayor's own expansive view of religious freedom, by what right do we dictate the message of any mosque? Moreover, as a practical matter, there's no guarantee that this couldn't happen in the future. Religious institutions in this country are autonomous. Who is to say that the mosque won't one day hire an Anwar al-Aulaqi — spiritual mentor to the Fort Hood shooter and the Christmas Day bomber, and one-time imam at the Virginia mosque attended by two of the 9/11 terrorists?

An al-Aulaqi preaching in Virginia is a security problem. An al-Aulaqi preaching at ground zero is a sacrilege.

Location matters. Especially this location. Ground zero is the site of the greatest mass murder in American history — perpetrated by Muslims of a particular Islamist orthodoxy in whose cause they died and in whose name they killed.

Of course that strain represents only a minority of Muslims. Islam is no more intrinsically Islamist than present-day Germany is Nazi — yet despite contemporary Germany's innocence, no German of goodwill would even think of proposing a German cultural center at, say, Treblinka.

Which makes you wonder about the goodwill behind Imam Feisal Abdul Rauf's proposal. This is a man who has called U.S. policy "an accessory to the crime" of 9/11 and, when recently asked whether Hamas is a terrorist organization, replied, "I'm not a politician. ... The issue of terrorism is a very complex question."

America is a free country where you can build whatever you want — but not anywhere. That's why we have zoning laws.

The governor of New York offered to help find land to build the mosque elsewhere. A mosque really seeking to build bridges, Rauf's ostensible hope for the structure, would accept the offer.

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BIRTHS

• EVANS ARMY HOSPITAL

GRANDILLAS: Fabian and Sarai, Colorado Springs, a boy, July 3.
BRANDIS: Jacob and Amanda, Air Force Academy, a boy, July 3.
LOUALLEN: Ronald and Dezlem, Fountain, a boy, July 4.
BLECKER: Timothy and Leah, Colorado Springs, a boy, July 4.
GODWIN: Michael and Sariah, Florence, a boy, July 4.
BROWN: Samuel and Karrie, Colorado Springs, a girl, July 4.
YOUNKER: Jonathan and Tamara, Fort Carson, a boy, July 4.
DAVIS: Jason and Mary, Colorado Springs, a girl, July 5.

• MEMORIAL HOSPITAL

MITCHELL-REYNOLDS: Shawn Mitchell and Michelle Reynolds, Colorado Springs, a girl, July 4.
DAVIS: John Jr. and Catherine, Colorado Springs, a boy, July 4.
GOEBEL: Lawrence Jr. and Jessica, Colorado Springs, a boy, July 5.
BARNES-SWISHER: Corey Barnes and Tramyra Swisher, Colorado Springs, a boy, July 5.
REESE-WRIGHT: Randy Reese and Ciara Wright, Colorado Springs, a boy, July 6.
MCKELVEY: Russell and Ann Marie, Woodland Park, a girl, July 6.
ABBOTT: Marshall and Rebecca, Colorado Springs, a boy, July 7.
BRIGGEMAN: Brent and Jennifer, Colorado Springs, a girl, July 7.
HOCKING: Ryan and Liz, Colorado Springs, a girl, July 8.
NOWAK-CHENEY: Hanson Nowak and Cherish Cheney, Colorado Springs, a boy, July 8.
ANDERSON-CHERMACK: Willie Anderson and Sarah Chermack, Colorado Springs, a girl, July 8.
SANTILLAN-TORREZ: Antonio Santillan and Fatima Torrez, Colorado Springs, a girl, July 9.
MONTOYA-SANCHEZ: Justin Montoya and Edwena Sanchez, Colorado Springs, a girl, July 9.
MASSEY: John and Charlee, Colorado Springs, a girl, July 9.
COOPER: Ronnie and Desiree, Colorado Springs, a girl, July 9.
DUKE: Epris, Colorado Springs, a boy, July 9.
SANCHEZ: Cisco and Sarah, Colorado Springs, a girl, July 10.
HARRISON-RIESTRA: Matt Harrison and Carmen Riestra, Colorado Springs, a boy, July 10.
HIGGINS: Tad and Ashley, Colorado Springs, a boy, July 10.
DEVILLE-WILKINS: Daniel Deville and Sarah Wilkins, Colorado Springs, a boy, July 10.
BALLMAN: Aliyah, Colorado Springs, a girl, July 10.
REINKE-SANCHEZ: Matthew Reinke and Amanda Sanchez, Colorado Springs, a girl, July 12.
KOLODY-PALMER: Cory Kolody and Eva Palmer, Colorado Springs, a boy, July 12.
DUNHAM-BROEKER: Carter Dunham and Mary Broeker, Colorado Springs, a boy, July 12.
GREEN: Gil and Kristy, Colorado Springs, a boy, July 13.
WINTERBOTTOM: Clifford and Jennifer, Colorado Springs, a girl, July 12.
NAPPER-DEPEW: Matthew Napper and Marissa Depew, Colorado Springs, a boy, July 13.
WENKE: Daniel and Megan, Colorado Springs, a boy, July 13.
KOZURA-MA: John Kozura and Sha Ma, Colorado Springs, a boy, July 13.
HINKLE-TAFOYA: Benjamin Hinkle and Danielle Tafoya, Colorado Springs, a girl, July 13.
HALEY: Jeffrey and Lynda, Colorado Springs, a boy, July 13.
STRACHAN: Carl and Brenda, Colorado Springs, a girl, July 13.
TAYLOR-SETHMAN: Andy Taylor and DeSarae Sethman, Colorado Springs, twin boys, July 13.
HANCOCK-THOMPSON: Johnathan Hancock and Emily Thompson, Colorado Springs, a boy, July 14.
PARKER-GEARY-PARKER: Chris Parker and Dwan Geary-Parker, Colorado Springs, a girl, July 14.
CLAYPOOL-ROWE: Michael Claypool and Amber Rowe, Colorado Springs, a girl, July 15.
WILSON-MAYS: Anejuann Wilson and Mya Mays, Colorado Springs, a girl, July 15.
STAFFORD: Jeff and Bridget, Monument, a boy, July 15.

• ST. FRANCIS MEDICAL CENTER

WYATT-PERKINS: Jason Wyatt and Heather Perkins, Colorado Springs, a boy, July 7.
DORBAND: Robert and Lacey, Colorado Springs, a boy, July 7.
TRUJILLO: Phil and Amy, Colorado Springs, a boy, July 8.
SHOREY: Kevin and Keena, Colorado Springs, a boy, July 8.
OTTERBY: Andrew and Shannon, Colorado Springs, a girl, July 8.
CRUZ-LISSA: Michael Cruz and Anna Lissa, Colorado Springs, a girl, July 8.
NOPPER: James and Shannon, Colorado Springs, a boy, July 8.
BEST: Garrett and Miki, Monument, a boy, July 9.
GILE: Matthew and Jessica, Colorado Springs, a boy, July 9.
FOSTER JR.: Thurman and Krista, Fountain, a girl, July 9.
WILLIS-LUNDIN: Austin Willis and Samantha Lundin, Colorado Springs, a girl, July 10.
CAMPBELL-CARSTEN: Ian Campbell and Treva Carsten, Colorado Springs, a boy, July 10.
AGUIRRE-ABBE: Charles Aguirre and Angela Abbe, Colorado Springs, a boy, July 10.
LATHROP-ANDREWS: Jay Lathrop and Samantha Andrews, Denver, a girl, July 10.
SPENCER: Lincoln and Kendra, Colorado Springs, a girl, July 11.
PAYNE: Samantha, Colorado Springs, a boy, July 11.

DEATHS

CHRISTOPHER LEE CHAPMAN
Born March 4, 1950. Died June 2, 2010
Carpenter, former Security resident. Survived by his mother, Carmelita (Carmen); three brothers, Michael, Steven and Dennis; and three sisters, Susan Anteola, Karen Chapman and Teresa Ritz. Anchorage Funeral Home, Anchorage, Alaska.

WILLA MAE (DAVIS) CHAPMAN
Born Sept. 10, 1942. Died Aug. 13, 2010.
Secretary, longtime Colorado Springs resident. Survived by a son, Ryan (Rochelle); and three daughters, Lyn (Kenny) Caldwell, Eureca Chapman and Cara Chapman. Visitation, 6 p.m. Friday, Angelus Funeral Directors. Service, 11 a.m. Saturday, Angelus Funeral Directors. Interment, Fort Logan National Cemetery.

JEFF DUNN
Born June 24, 1954. Died Aug. 12, 2010.
44-year Colorado Springs resident. Survived by his mother, Norma; and two brothers, James and Joseph. Visitation, 4 p.m. Friday, Swan Law Funeral Directors. Service, 10 a.m. Saturday, Swan Law Funeral Directors. Burial, Evergreen Cemetery.

DONALD BRUCE ELLSWORTH
Born Feb. 2, 1927. Died Aug. 13, 2010.
Financial adviser, 40-year Colorado Springs resident. Survived by four sons, Bruce, Peter, Charlie and Bill Goodbar; and two daughters, Elisabeth Davis and Amy Goodbar Lee. Memorial service, First Presbyterian Church, 2: 30 p.m. Friday. Cappadona Funeral Home.

FRED A. LUTZEN
Born June 14, 1914. Died Aug. 11, 2010.
Worked for the City of Colorado Springs 17 ½ years. Retired in 1976, 20-year Colorado Springs resident. Survived by his wife, Laneta. Visitation, noon Tuesday, Swan Law Funeral Directors. Graveside services, 2 p.m. Tuesday, Memorial Gardens Cemetery.

BART PHILLIPS
Born Oct. 20, 1968. Died Aug. 12, 2010.
Christian ministry, 5-year Colorado Springs resident. Survived by his wife, Suzi; and three sons, Gabe, Luke and Nate. Visitation, 6 p.m. Tuesday, New Life Church World Prayer Center, 11005 Voyager Parkway. Service, 10 a.m. Wednesday, New Life Church World Prayer Center. Burial, Evergreen Cemetery. Shrine of Remembrance.

ALAN DEAN RAPP
Born Nov. 29, 1929. Died Aug. 13, 2010.
Cardiologist, 50-year Colorado Springs resident. Survived by his wife, Marjorie Green; two sons, Jeffrey Clinton and David Cyril; and a daughter, Martha Rapp Sayles. Celebration of life, 5 p.m. Aug. 24, Colorado Springs Country Club, 3333 Templeton Gap Road. Skyline Funeral and Cremations, 1001 Tejon St., Denver.

ANDREW LOUIS SMIT
Born April 14, 1935. Died Aug. 11, 2010.
Retired police officer, longtime Colorado Springs resident. Survived by a son, Mark; and three daughters, Dawn Miller, Cindy Marra and Lora Lesle. Visitation, 9 a.m., followed by a celebration of life service at 10 a.m. Friday, New Life Church, 11025 Hwy. 83 North. Swan Law Funeral Directors.

MAE ONIE SMITH
Born Sept. 18, 1934. Died Aug. 11, 2010.
Foster caregiver, longtime Colorado Springs resident. Survived by her husband, Eugene Smith; four sons, Eddie, Victor, Michael and Eugene Jr.; and two daughters, Margaret Rideout and Diane Tapscott. Visitation, 4 p.m. Tuesday, Angelus Funeral Directors. Service, 1 p.m. followed by a reception at 3 p.m. Wednesday, Angelus Funeral Directors.

LOCATIONS OF SERVICES

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Cappadona Funeral Home
1020 E. Fillmore St., 520-1817.
Celebration of Life Funeral Home
5440 N. Union Blvd., 599-7979.
Evergreen Cemetery
1005 S. Hancock Ave.
Evergreen Funeral Home
1830 E. Fountain Blvd., 475-8303.
Shrine of Remembrance Funeral Home
1730 E. Fountain Blvd., 634-1597.
The Springs Funeral Services
3115 E. Platte Ave., 328-1793.
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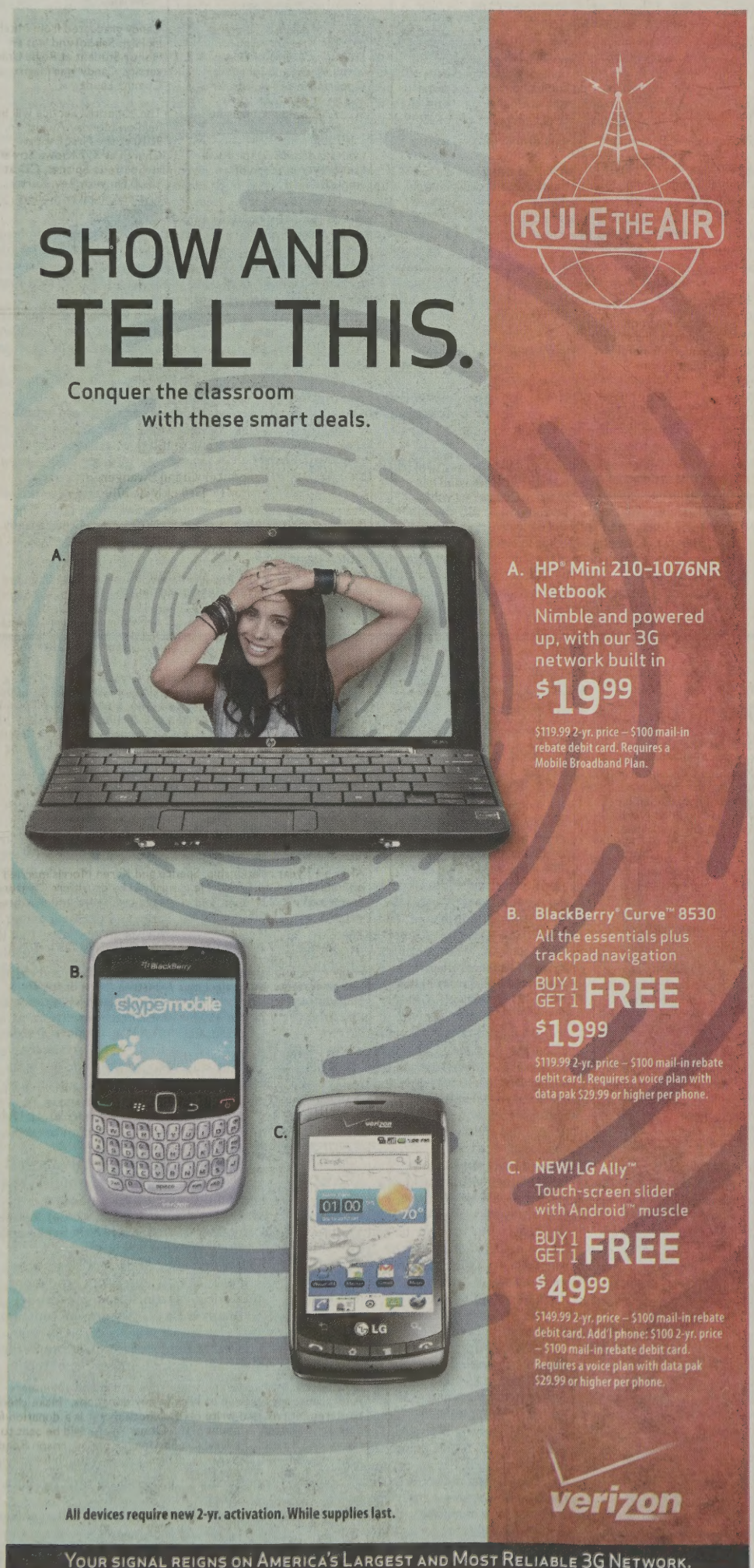
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